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PATENT APPLICATION  
10/770,938

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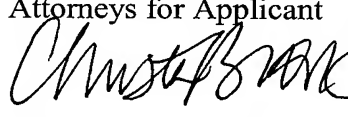
In re Application of: Clinton R. Vedders  
Serial No.: 10/770,938  
Filed: February 3, 2004  
Group No.: 2837  
Examiner: Jeremy Austin Luks  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: June 15, 2007  
Confirmation No.: 1628  
Title: ACCELERATED WEIGHT DROP FOR USE AS A SEISMIC  
ENERGY SOURCE AND A METHOD OF OPERATION  
THEREOF

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-4, 7, 9, 10, 14, 40-56, 58-69, and 74-79. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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